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Honorable Birch Bayh, Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed are my responses to the Committee's supplementary questions on the Directorate of Operations personnel reduction exercise (Q#1323).

It now appears that the personnel reductions required in FY 1979 to reach our goal of [redacted] for the Operations Directorate will not be as severe as was required in FY 1978. We still intend to reduce the Directorate by [redacted] positions, but due to a higher rate of attrition, will probably need to separate less than 50 employees. I also want to report on our success placing in other Agency components DDO officers who have been chosen for separation. Thus far, [redacted] such employees have been reassigned. As [redacted] chosen for separation are eligible or will remain with the Agency until they reach eligibility for a retirement annuity (some of these are included in the reassignment figures), the personal hardships from the reduction are much less than we originally feared. These developments are particularly gratifying.

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Yours sincerely,

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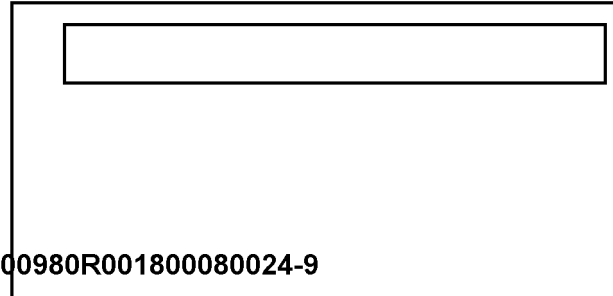
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